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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Please add claims 16-39 as follows:

- Sub D*
16. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein the particulate stream includes silicon carbide.
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17. (New) A method according to claim 16, wherein the silicon carbide includes a powder having a particle size of about 50 microns.
18. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein the interior surface of the stent body is roughened by removing portions of the stent body.